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1. CHINA

REUTER'S ROGERS, IN PEKING, REPORTS MORE THAN 200,000
LINED CITY'S FREEZING STREETS THURSDAY PAYING CHOU
EN-LAI FINAL RESPECTS. EARLIER, PRC'S LEADERS AND
"REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORKERS, PEASANTS AND MASSES"
CONGREGATED IN GREAT HALL AUDITORIUM FOR MEMORIAL
CEREMONY -- NO FOREIGNERS INVITED, NO CONFIRMATION MAO
TSE-TUNG WOULD APPEAR. CEREMONY EXPECTED TAKE FORM OF
LONG ADDRESS OUTLINING CHOU ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

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S BUREAU OF MINES REPORT DECLARES PRC MAY BECOME ONE
OF TOP FIVE OIL PRODUCERS WITHIN NEXT DECADE. ESTIMATES
FOUR MILLION BARRELS DAILY WILL FLOW FROM ON/OFFSHORE
OIL FIELDS; NOTES PRC ALSO HAS EXCELLENT POTENTIAL

AS NATURAL GAS PRODUCER, PARTICULARLY IN SZECHUAN FIELDS (UPI, WP). AUTHORED BY KP WANG, SURVEY FIRST OVERALL STUDY OF PRC'S POSITION IN ENERGY/MINERALS FIELD, ACCORDING US INTERIOR DEPT. WANG SAYS PRC GROWING COAL INDUSTRY COMPARABLE IN SIZE WITH THAT OF US, STEEL INDUSTRY RANKS FIFTH OR SIXTH IN WORLD, AND TUNGSTEN RESOURCES ARE RICH; BUT LIGHT METALS SUCH AS ALUMINUM,

COPPER, APPEAR "WEAK LINK" IN PRC MINERAL ECONOMY.

REPORT STATES THAT AMOUNT OF OIL EXPORTS WILL DEPEND PARTLY ON WHETHER PEKING CONTINUES POLICY USING FOREIGN EXCHANGE FROM THEM TO SUPPORT INDUSTRIAL RENAISSANCE. ESTIMATES OIL EXPORTS COULD REACH 362.5 MILLION BARRELS IN EARLY 1980S, TWICE THAT BY 1985, AND SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING US; WANG SUGGESTS PEKING MAY EXPAND FUTURE SALES TO JAPAN TO COUNTERACT SOVIET INFLUENCE THERE.

ACCORDING REPORT, PRC'S ELECTRIC POWER CAPACITY IS LESS THAN ONE-TENTH THAT OF US, WITH EXTENSIVE USE MARSH GAS FOR RURAL COOKING, LIGHTING; BUT ESTIMATES COUNTRY'S OVERALL MINERAL INDUSTRY EXPECTED MAKE 'STEADY IF NOT SPECTACULAR PROGRESS' IN FUTURE YEARS (UPI, JOC).

IN "HK STAR" INTERVIEW, IVAN GENIT, HEAD OF WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS DISTRIBUTION SUBSIDIARY BUENA VISTA, CONTENTS DISNEY FILMS WILL EVENTUALLY BE APPROVED FOR SHOWING IN PRC. ASSERTS PRESENT PROBLEM IS LACK OF SUITABLE NUMBER MOVIE THEATRES IN PRC -- "AND NO DOUBT THEY WILL OVERCOME THAT" (AFP, WP).

2. MACAO

ALL FOUR ENCLAVE'S CASINOS HALTED BUSINESS FOR 10 MINUTES THURSDAY MORNING AND GAMBLERS OBSERVED FURTHER THREE MINUTES' SILENCE AT NOON IN GESTURE OF MOURNING FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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CHOU EN-LAI (REUTER MACAO).

2. MALAYSIA

DEPUTY PM DATUK HUSSEIN ONN SWORN IN TO LEAD COUNTRY (REUTER KL).

MOST PAPERS CARRY OBIT TUN ABDUL RAZAK WHO DIED LEUKEMIA AT 53; REVIEW LIFE, ACHIEVEMENTS; NOTE BODY TO BE FLOWN TO KL FOR FUNERAL (REUTER SUN, WP; UPI, NYT, NYDN, PHINQ). PILLA (WP) BELIEVES RAZAK'S DEATH COULD DEAL BLOW TO UNITY MOVES BY NON-COMMUNIST SEA NATIONS, COULD LEAD TO INCREASED COMMUNIST GUERRILLA ACTIVITY. THINKS MID-FEB'S

ASEAN SUMMIT WILL BE POSTPONED. NYT'S FLINT CALLS RAZAK KEY ARCHITECT, MAINSPRING MALAYSIA'S INDEPENDENCE, ECON PROGRESS.

CSM SPECIAL SEES PM'S DEATH, COUPLED WITH CHOU EN-LAI'S PASSING, RTG TOPPLING, COMPLICATING ALREADY TOPSY-TURVY SEA POLITICAL PICTURE.

3. INDOCHINA

SUN CARRIES AP PHOTO ARRIVAL AT TRAVIS REMAINS 5 US SERVICEMEN KIA DURING VN WAR, RECENTLY RELEASED BY COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES.

4. PHILIPPINES

GOP SOLICITOR GENL ARGUES BEFORE SUPREME COURT AT MANILA THAT INDEFINITE DETENTION THOSE ARRESTED AS SUBVERSIVES JUSTIFIABLE UNDER MARTIAL LAW, IN CASE INVOLVING RC PRIEST HELD 2 YEARS. JUSTICES REACT, ASK HOW ARBITRARINESS COULD BE CHECKED. GOVT ADMITS HOLDS 4000. COURT ADJOURNS 15 DAYS PENDING FINAL MEMOS IN CASE (NYT SPECIAL).

LEPANTO, ONE OF 5 LARGEST MINING FIRMS IN PHILS, FURLOUGHS 1500 OF 2100 WORKERS DUE 18-MOS INVENTORY COPPER CONCENTRATES (WSJ).

5. TIMOR/INDONESIA

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UN REP ARRIVES JAKARTA FOR TALKS WITH GOI ON TIMOR SITUATION (REUTER JAKARTA).

NIGERIA, INDONESIA PUSH OPEC FOR HIGHER GOVT OIL REVENUES. IN CLUE TO INDO'S PLAN, SUHARTO SAYS OIL INCOME EXPECTED RISE 7.8 PCT IN FY STARTING APR 1. CALTEX HELD PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH INDO IN DEC ON SUBJECT, BUT NOTHING SPECIFIC CONCLUDED (TANNER, WSJ).

6. AUSTRALIA

LARGEST AUSSIE NICKEL PRODUCER JOINS ESSO IN OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION ON NW SHELF (JOC).

AUSSIE TEACHERS' UNION OFFICIALS COMPLAIN ABOUT 300 US TEACHERS WHO ARRIVED TO WORK IN NSW SCHOOLS; CLAIM 3000 LOCAL TEACHERS UNEMPLOYED (REUTER SYDNEY).

COLLAPSE BEEF BOOM, RECESSION, WORSENING DROUGHT LEAD CATTLEMEN RETURN TO BIG OVERLAND CATTLE DRIVES TO PRESERVE HERDS (REUTER, CSM).

7. JAPAN

IN UNSC WEDNESDAY, JAPAN VOTED WITH MAJORITY TO INVITE
PLO TAKE PART ME DEBATE. MARKS SHIFT SINCE 1975 UNGA,
WHEN JAPAN ABSTAINED FROM VOTE ON PLO PARTICIPATION
IN ALL UN-SPONSORED PEACE TALKS (AP,SUN).
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DURING VISIT BY USDA'S RICHARD BELL TO DISCUSS STABLE
GRAIN SUPPLIES, MFA OFFICIALS AGREED JAPAN WOULD IMPORT
UP TO 14 MILLION TONS US CEREALS STARTING NEXT CROP
YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY (CNS, JOC).

MITI OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED PLAN WEDNESDAY TO EXPAND JAPAN'S
EMERGENCY OIL RESERVES TO 73-DAY SUPPLY DURING JFY 76.
CURRENT LEVEL 70 DAYS. PLAN ATTAIN FULL 90-DAY RESERVE
BY MARCH, 1979 (CULLISON, JOC).

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SUGAR REFINERS PLAN SEND DELEGATION AUSTRALIA MONDAY TO
TRY NEGOTIATE DEFERMENT OF RAW SUGAR SHIPMENTS, REDUCTION
IN CONTRACT PRICE. ASSN OF 33 REFINERS SIGNED SINGLE
CONTRACT WITH CSR LTD IN 1974 TO BUY 600,000 TONS RAW
SUGAR ANNUALLY OVER FIVE-YEAR TERM. EXPECT INTENSE
OPPOSITION FROM AUSSIE GROWERS (JOC, TOKYO).

IRAN BELIEVED AGREED WITH VISITING ITI MIN KOMOTO LAST
WEEK TO SELL CRUDE OIL TO JAPAN ON 90-DAYS CREDIT TERMS,
EQUAL DISCOUNT OF SOME EIGHT CENTS/BBL. ALTHOUGH NOT
ANNOUNCED, DEAL SEEN KEY PART OF PUBLICIZED AGREEMENT
TO BOOST ANNUAL BILATERAL TRADE TO 15 BILLION DOLS
OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS. ALSO MAY HAVE BEEN MAJOR FACTOR
IN PERSUADING JAPAN AGREE BUILD TWO BILLION DOL PETROCHEMI-
CAL COMPLEX AT BANDAR-SHAPUR (JOC, TEHERAN).

TOYO KOGYO SAYS MAZDA CAR PRODUCTION DECLINED 13 PCT
IN 1975, TO 642,614 UNITS (WSJ, TOKYO).

NIPPON SEIKO ANNOUNCES CONTRACT SIGNED TO PROVIDE POLAND
62.2 MILLION DOL TAPER-ROLLER AND BALL BEARINGS BY END
1979. CONTRACT SPECIFIES PAYMENT IN YEN, 20 PCT
DOWNPAYMENT, BALANCE OVER EIGHT YEARS (WSJ, TOKYO).

DOW CHEMICAL JAPAN SAID WEDNESDAY APPLIED FOR GOJ
PERMISSION INCREASE CAPITAL TO AUTHORIZED LIMIT OF 5.3
MILLION DOLS FROM PRESENT LEVEL OF 3.3 MILLION DOLS
(UPI, JOC).

8. PACIFIC ISLANDS

U OF C SEISMOGRAPH AT BERKELEY RECORDED LARGE EARTHQUAKES

IN PACIFIC, NEAR FIJI; TWO LARGEST SHOCKS 7.5 AND 8 ON
RICHTER SCALE. NO WORD WHETHER TIDAL WAVE FOLLOWED
(UPI, NYDN).

9. GENERAL

COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT RICE BULLETIN REPORTS 4.6 PCT
INCREASE IN WORLD RICE PRODUCTION 1975-76. EXTRA 15
MILLION TONS BOOST TOTAL OUTPUT TO 341 MILLION TONS.
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MAJOR EXPORTERS, US, THAILAND, PRC, UPPED OUTPUT
ABOUT ONE MILLION TONS. TWO LARGEST IMPORTERS IN 1975
EXPECTED REDUCE PURCHASES. THUS SEES GREATER
COMPETITION FOR MARKETS. BEARISH ON PRICES FIRST PART
1976 (JOC, LONDON).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. JAPAN

SUN STATES GROMYKO APPARENTLY HANDED PRC 'BIG BREAKTHROUGH'
IN RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, BY OFFERING NOTHING BUT 'ICY NYET'
TO JAPAN'S HOPES OF RECOVERING NORTHERN ISLANDS.
RESULT WAS MIKI SENT HIM HOME NOT JUST EMPTY-HANDED,
BUT WITH 'BLUNTEST REBUFF ANY BIG-POWER DIPLOMAT HAS
RECEIVED FROM POSTWAR TOKYO.' BY GOADING MIKI INTO
DIPLOMATIC DECISIVENESS TOKYO USUALLY AVOIDS, CONCLUDES
GROMYKO MAY WELL HAVE ADVANCED US GOAL OF EASING JAPAN
INTO DIPLOMACY OF PROPORTIONS MORE CONSISTENT WITH ITS
ECONOMY.

CSM CARTOON SHOWS MALE PRC WALKING ARM-IN-ARM WITH
FEMALE JAPAN PAST SOVIET SOLDIER, ADMONISHING: 'FOR
HEAVENS SAKE, DON'T ENCOURAGE HIM.'

11. KOREA

SUN'S SEIDEN IN SEOUL REVIEWS BACKGROUND FOR FLOOD OF
RUMORS ABOUT ROK ONSHORE/OFFSHORE OIL DISCOVERIES.
SEEMS ROKG ENCOURAGING SPECULATION, BUT WILL NOT ANNOUNCE
ANY STRIKES. QUOTES US OIL EXEC WHO SAYS LEFT "IN THE
DARK" BY GOVT THAT "JUST CLAMMED UP COMPLETELY." CITES
EDITOR, WHOSE REPORTERS BARRED FROM SITE OF RUMORED
DISCOVERY. QUOTES USG OFFICIAL SAYING, "WE ARE ALL
HIGHLY SKEPTICAL."

NOTES SPECULATION CENTERS ON TWO SITES, ONSHORE NEAR
YONG-IL GULF, OFFSHORE S OF CHEJUDO IN WATERS
CLAIMED BY JAPAN, KOREA, PRC. SAYS ROKG, GOJ AGREED
EXPLORE LATTER, WITH PARTICIPATION BY ONE US FIRM,
PENDING DIET APPROVAL. CITES SK PRESS REPORTS THAT

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JAPANESE SOURCES SAY OFFSHORE SITE MAY PRODUCE FIVE BILLION TONS, WHICH, DIVIDED EQUALLY, WOULD SUPPLY JAPAN EIGHT YEARS, SKOREA MUCH LONGER. BUT PRC PROTESTS PROPOSED EXPLORATION IN WHAT CALLS O OWN COASTAL WATERS. ALSO NOTES ANTI-GOVT SKOREANS, FOREIGNERS SAY SPECULATION ENCOURAGED BY ROKG "TO 0UOY UP THE PEOPLE'S SPIRITS,' REASSURE FOREIGN CREDITORS CONCERNED ABOUT SK'S SEVERE BOP DEFICIT. SUGGESTS MAJOR OIL FIND, IF TRUE, WOULD HAVE POWERFUL IMPACT ON SK'S ECONOMIC, DIPLOMATIC STANDING.

12. THAILAND

UPI'S KAYLOR (CHIS-T 1/12) IN NAN PROV, DEFENDS DOMINO THEORY, SEES IT IN ACTION IN BORDER PROV IN THAILAND. NOTES ALSO GROWING INSURGENCY IN SOUTHERN PART.

13. INDONESIA

EVANS/NOVAK (WP) REPORT DEC 18 HIRC HEARING THAT RESULTED IN INCREASED SUPPORT FOR INDO AID. SAY PURPOSE WAS TO PUT ON RECORD VIOLATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS BY GOI; WITNESS WAS CARMEL BUDIARDJO, WHO ADMITTED WORKED FOR CP, COUP ATTEMPT LEADERS. REPS RYAN, HAYS ANGRY THAT CP ADHERENT HAD NERVE APPEAR AS DEFENDER HUMAN RIGHTS, ASKED WHY SHE HADN'T COMPLAINED ABOUT VIOLATIONS DURING SUKARNO'S LAST DAYS WHEN JAILS F;LL. EVANS/NOVAK OPINE CONGRESSIONAL RESENTMENT NOW FORTIFIES PRES' REQUEST FOR MORE ARMS AID FOR GOI. POINT OUT INDO CASE UNIQUE; LARGER QUESTION OF AID VS HUMAN RIGHTS STILL ALIVE. BELIEVE CONGRESS WILL APPROVE CONTROLS OVER PRES' POWER USE FOREIGN AID AS PART POST-VN TREND SETTING RULES, STDS FOR FOREIGN POLICY THAT STYMIE IMAGINATIVE DIPLOMACY, BUILD CONGRESSIONAL POWER.

14. CHINA

CHI SUN-TIMES (JAN 10) SALUTES CHOU EN-LAI AS PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT OF SINO-US DETENTE. CONSIDERS HIM "TRUE STATES-MAN," WHOSE DEATH UNTIMELY AT ANY AGE.
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JOHN SERVICE (LAT JAN 14) RECALLS MEETINGS WITH CHOU; LAUDS HIS "ACTIVE, PURPOSEFUL, DISCIPLINED AND EXTREMELY WELL-ORGANIZED MIND."

ZORZA (WP) CONTENTS THAT IF LEFT-WING RADICALS FOUND IT POSSIBLE ATTACK TENG HSIAO-PING EVEN WHILE HE HAD

POWERFUL PROTECTION CHOU, EVERY REASON TO ASSUME CAMPAIGN TO UNSEAT TENG WILL CONTINUE AND THAT HIS FOES WILL FIND IT EASIER NOW THAT CHOU DEAD. MAINTAINS REPEATED CAMPAIGNS AGAINST SOME OF TENG'S POLICIES APPEARED DESIGNED BY MAO TO WARN HIM AGAINST EFFORTS UNDO GPCR EFFECTS; BUT CHOU STRONG ENOUGH PROTECT TENG. BUT AS CHOU BEGAN SINKING LAST MONTH, RADICALS' OWN CANDIDATE FOR SUCCESSION, WANG HUNG-WEN, WAS BACK IN PEKING, IN POSITION OF HONOR, PERHAPS URGING MAO REDUCE TENG'S POWER BEFORE "TOO LATE." CHOU GONE, DOUBTFUL RADICALS WILL GIVE UP STRUGGLE.

LAT'S ELEGANT (HK JAN 9) SEES STABILITY NOW CHIEF QUESTION FOR POST-CHOU PRC. DECLARES COUNTRY'S POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS INHERENTLY UNSTABLE, IN GOOD PART BY CONSCIOUS DESIGN, AND CHOU HAD BEEN ROCK OF CONSISTENCY AMID CHANGING TIMES. SAYS ONE CHIEF QUESTION FACING PRC AND FOREIGN LEADERS IS WHETHER CONFUSION ATTENDANT UPON CHOU'S DEATH WILL PROLONG ITSELF, PERHAPS EXPAND, OR WILL PEKING ADMIN MAINTAIN STABILITY?

ACCORDING ELEGANT, IF TENG NOW DESIGNATED PREMIER, WILL BE STRONG INDICATION RELATIVE STABILITY WILL PREVAIL IN COUNTRY; IF TENG NAMED ACTING PREMIER, WILL BE INDICATION HIS POSITION BY NO MEANS SECURE. FEELS TENG WILL COMMAND GREAT SUPPORT FROM PLA, BUT IN SHORT RUN KEY TO POWER WILL BE MAO. IF CHAIRMAN CONTINUES ACTING AS MODERATES WISH, CONTINUITY OF RULE VIRTUALLY ASSURED; BUT IF LEFTISTS GAIN HIS EAR/PRESTIGE, THEY WILL MAKE STRONG BID FOR SUPREME AUTHORITY. BUT LEFTISTS' CHANCES SLIGHT, SINCE PLA WANTS STABLE, ORDERLY SOCIETY AND TENG'S STRONGEST SUPPORTERS VIRTUALLY CONTROL PLA.

ELEGANT BELIEVES LITTLE IMMEDIATE CHANGE CAN BE ANTICIPATED
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IN PEKING'S FOREIGN POLICY, SINCE LOCKED BY BOTH MIL/ECON FACTORS INTO GENERAL INCLINATION TOWARD WEST, US IN PARTICULAR. STILL, TENG HAS YET TO MAKE IMPRESSION UPON CHINESE PEOPLE OR FOREIGN NATIONS IN ANY WAY COMPARABLE TO CHOU.

CHI SUN-TIMES' ROSS (JAN 9) QUOTES CHINA-WATCHERS THAT NO MAJOR CHANGES EXPECTED IN PRC AS RESULT CHOU, OR MAO'S DEATH, SINCE TENG INSTALLED AND ORDERLY TRANSITION WELL UNDER WAY. DOAK BARNETT CONTENDS THAT, IN FINANCIAL LINGO, "EVENTS HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED." STAN KARNOW FEELS CHOU/MAO PASSING MIGHT MAKE MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS, WITH TENG PERHAPS BEING MORE "PRAGMATIC" TOWARD MOSCOW.

15. DIEGO GARCIA

SEN TOWER (TEX), IN LETTER TO CHI SUN-TIMES (1/9),
DEFENDS USG EFFORTS PROVIDE NAVY S'PPORT FACILITY
AT DIEGO GARCIA. STATES PRES' PROPOSAL NOT "HEADLONG
PLUNGE" INTO NEW INDIAN OCEAN ARMS RACE, BUT MEASURED
PLAN TO PROVIDE USN FLEXIBILITY OPERATE IN THESE WATERS
WHEN REQUIRED DO SO. SAYS CONGRESS SHOWN IRREFUTABLE
DOCUMENTATION OF SOV EXPANSION SOMALI BASE,
INCREASED FOR NAVAL ACTIVITY IN AREA, INCLUDING
AVERAGE OF 19 SHIPS MAINTAINED INDIAN OCEAN ON REGULAR
BASIS. LOOKS FORWARD TO DAY WHEN EVIDENCE SOV GOOD
INTENTIONS, FROM INDIAN OCEAN TO ANGOLA, WILL WARRANT
RELIANCE ON THEIR GOOD FAITH, BUT BELIEVES THIS DAY
NOT YET ARRIVED. KISSINGER

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